



**Summary Notes
Delta Protection Advisory Committee Meeting
January 6, 2014**

Walnut Grove Community Presbyterian Church
14120 Grand Avenue
Walnut Grove, California 95690

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order & Welcome

In the absence of a Chairman, DPC Executive Director Erik Vink called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm and DPC staff Raymond Costantino and Bree Kaminskis introduced themselves. Mr. Vink requested that all parties introduce themselves and give their Delta affiliations. Members of the DPAC present were Melinda Terry (North Delta Water Agency), Gilbert LaBrie (Sacramento County Delta Citizen's Advisory Committee), Leo Winternitz (The Nature Conservancy), Dave Forkel (Delta Wetlands), Linda Bendsen (Recreational Boaters of California), Scott Hudson (San Joaquin County Ag Commissioner), Jeff McCreary (Ducks Unlimited), and Greg Zlotnick (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority).

2. Delta Restoration Network

Mr. Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer of the Delta Conservancy, presented the Delta Restoration Network and discussed the Delta Conservancy's role to coordinate and integrate efforts related to habitat restoration in the Delta. He stated that the Delta Restoration Network document was in draft format on their website and added the importance of local input and participation.

3. DPAC Charter Revision – Subcommittee Report Back

Mr. Vink reported that revisions were made to the DPAC charter based on the work of a subcommittee consisting of Melinda Terry, Leo Winternitz and Gilbert LaBrie. In addition to the subcommittee's charter changes, meeting participants suggested additional minor changes in Sections V, VII, IX, X, XI, and XII. Mr. Vink indicated that these changes would be incorporated into the redline version and shared with the subcommittee before presenting the final revised Redline and Clean versions of the DPAC charter to the Commission at its January 23 meeting. The next step after DPAC charter approval would be to recruit DPAC membership.

4. Delta Flood Issues (National Flood Insurance Program)

Mr. Vink informed the Committee of the FEMA letter DPC staff was tasked with writing. He said he was open to any suggestions regarding verbiage to help construct the letter. Ms. Terry and Mr. LaBrie offered their help.

5. DPAC Membership Recruitment

A current membership application was distributed. DPC will revise the application after the Commission approves the Charter revisions (anticipated at the January 23 meeting) and will then distribute it to existing DPAC members and the DPC Interested Parties distribution list. Ms. Terry suggested adding check boxes with each membership slot so that applicants could check which categories of membership applied to them.

6. California Water Plan – Delta Regional Report

Ms. Terry distributed a proposed summary for the Delta Regional Report of the California Water Plan. Mr. Winternitz asked about the timeframe for this summary, and Ms. Terry said none was set but thought a workgroup would be best to develop the Summary. Mr. Winternitz, Mr. Greg Zlotnick, and Ms. Terry agreed to volunteer to work by email as the workgroup.

7. Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Mr. Vink stated that DPC staff is outlining the comment process and all input is welcome from the Committee. Ms. Terry expressed hope that the DPC comments extensively on the Delta impacts. Mr. Vink responded that he wants the focus of DPC comments to be on BDCP effects that impact those that live, work, and recreate in the Delta. Mr. Zlotnick thought it would be a good idea to include mitigation suggestions in the comments.

8. Activities of the Delta Protection Commission

Erik Vink gave a brief overview of recent activities of the DPC that included the November Commission meeting and 20th anniversary celebration in Oakley and new Commissioners (Secretary Brian Kelly from California State Transportation Agency, alternate Commissioner Jim Provenza from Yolo County in place of retired Commissioner McGowan, and Justin van Loben Sels from North Delta Reclamation Districts in place of retired Commissioner Topper van Loben Sels). The next DPC meeting will be a special strategic planning workshop in West Sacramento on January 10, followed by a regular DPC meeting on January 23, 2014 in West Sacramento at the City Hall Galleria Room. Finally, DPC is working under contract with DWR to prepare a Delta Levee Assessment District report.

9. Public Comment

Mr. Winternitz suggested that DPC request a briefing from DWR & U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the impact to Delta water quality from the drought conditions.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Vink announced the next DPAC meeting would be after the reformulation to the Charter and revised membership, and adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Additional Attendees:

Galen Kusic- River News Herald
Gary Prost – Congressman Jerry McNerney’s Office
Lysa Voight – Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Corie Hammer – Delta resident
Campbell Ingram – Delta Conservancy
Cathy Hallinan – Department of Water Resources
Jennifer Barton – Assemblyman Jim Frazier’s Office
Jack Michael – Recreational Boaters of California
Daniel Wilson – Reclamation District #2111